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In re Application of	:	
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Application No.: 09/786,157	:	DECISION ON PETITION
PCT No.: PCT/JP00/04196	:	
Int. Filing Date: 26 June 2000	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.181
Priority Date: 15 July 1999	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 50070-063	:	
For: KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM	:	

This is a decision on applicant's "Request For Withdrawal of Notification of Abandonment" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 30 April 2001.

BACKGROUND

On 26 June 2000, applicant filed international application PCT/JP00/04196, which claimed priority of an earlier application filed 30 October 1994. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 25 January 2001. A Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected was not filed prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. Accordingly, the twenty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 15 March 2001.

On 01 March 2001, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*: authorization to charge Deposit Account No.: 50-0417 the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1); an English translation of the international application as required by 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2); an executed combined declaration and power of attorney as required by 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4); an information disclosure statement; an assignment document for recording; a first preliminary amendment and an international search report.

On 28 March 2001, applicant was mailed a NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) informing applicant that applicant had failed to provide the full U.S. basic national fee by 20 months from the priority date because of insufficient funds in the Deposit Account and that above-identified application was abandoned as to the United States.

On 30 April 2001, applicant responded with the present request accompanied by copies of

a copy of the Monthly Statement of Deposit Account 50-0417 for March 2001 and a copy of the Deposit Account Statement printed from the USPTO web site for March 2001.

DISCUSSION

A review of USPTO finance records confirms that Deposit Account 50-0417 contained sufficient funds on 01-05 March 2001 for payment of the basic national fee in the present application. Therefore, it is appropriate to grant applicant's request for withdrawal of the notification of abandonment. Further, a review of the application file reveals that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 for entry into the national stage in the United States have been satisfied.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT mailed on 28 March 2001 is hereby **VACATED**.

The application has an international filing date of **26 June 2000** under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **01 March 2001** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for treatment in accordance with this decision.



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